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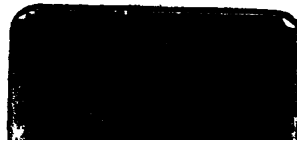

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YEARLY MEETING, 1802.

THIS Meeting having been apprehenſive that in ſome families due regard is not paid to that particular of the Fourth Query, which reſpects the frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures, has found itſelf engaged to recall the attention of the ſeveral Quarterly and Monthly Meetings to this important ſubject. And in order that all Friends may be duly apprized of the uniform concern of the Society, it is concluded to reprint a ſufficient number of copies of the head Scriptures, *in the Book of Extracts, which the Monthly Meetings are deſired to diſtribute to families and to ſingle perſons.*

SCRIPTURES.

RECOMMENDED, as an incumbent duty on friends, to cauſe their children to be frequent in reading the Holy Scriptures, and to obſerve to them the examples of ſuch children, as in ſcripture are recorded to have early learned the fear of the Lord, and hearkened to his counſel: inſtructing them in the fear and dread of the Lord, planting upon their ſpirits impreſſions of reverence towards God, from whom they have their daily ſupport; ſhewing them they ought not to offend him, but love, ſerve, and honour him, in whoſe hand all bleſſings are. 1709.

It is alſo ſeriouſly adviſed, that no friends ſuffer romances, play-books, or other vain and idle pamphlets, in their houſes or families, which tend to corrupt the minds of youth; but that they excite them to the

reading of the Holy Scriptures, and religious books. Let the Holy Scriptures be early taught our youth, diligently ſearched, and ſeriouſly read by friends, with due regard to the Holy Spirit from whence they came, and by which they are truly opened: for they contain excellent doctrine, rules, and precepts, divine and moral. 1720.

And, dear friends, inaſmuch as the Holy Scriptures are the external means of conveying and preſerving to us, an account of the things moſt ſurely to be believed concerning the coming of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt in the fleſh, and the fulfilling of the prophecies relating thereto; we therefore recommend to all friends, eſpecially elders in the church, and maſters of families, that they would, both by example and advice, impreſs on the minds of the younger a reverent eſteem of thoſe ſacred writings, and adviſe them to a frequent reading and meditating therein;—and that you would, at proper times and ſeaſons, when

you find your minds rightly diſpoſed thereunto, give the youth to underſtand, that the ſame good experience of the work of ſanctification, through the operations of the Spirit of God, which the Holy Scriptures plentifully bear teſtimony to, is to be witneſſed by believers in all generations, as well as by thoſe in the firſt ages of Chriſtianity; in which caſe, ſome account of your own experience may be helpful to them. And this we recommend as the moſt effectual means of begetting and eſtabliſhing in their minds a firm belief of the Chriſtian doctrine in general, as well as the neceſſity of the aid and help of the operations of the Holy Spirit of God in the hearts of men in particular, contained in that moſt excellent book the Bible; and of preſerving them from being defiled with the many pernicious notions and principles, contrary to ſuch ſound doctrine, which are at this time induſtriouſly diſperſed in the nation,

to the reproach of the Chriſtian profeſſion in general. 1728.

And, dear friends, as much as in you lies, encourage a frequent and diligent reading of the Holy Scriptures in your families. In them are contained the promiſes of eternal life and ſalvation. For as a ſteady truſt and belief in the promiſe of God, and a frequent meditation in the law of the Lord, was the preſervation of a remnant in old time, ſo it is even to this day; and as a diſtruſt and diſbelief of the promiſes of God, and a neglect of his holy law, was the occaſion of the complaints made againſt the Jews, the poſterity of Abraham, even ſo we have reaſon to fear, that the apparent declenſion in our time from true piety and godly zeal, in many places, is too much owing to a diſregard of the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures, and the promiſes of the Holy Spirit in them recorded.

Wherefore it greatly behoves every one, who would be united to Chriſt, and a mem-

ber of his church, to believe in the promiſes of God and Chriſt, and wait to know the fulfilling of them in his own heart. It was by this the primitive believers became of "one heart, and of one ſoul." * It was by one ſpirit, namely, the Spirit promiſed by Chriſt, that they were "all baptized into one body." †

Having therefore, dearly beloved, ſuch great and precious promiſes, and being encompaſſed with ſo great a cloud of witneſſes, let us run with cheerfulneſs in the ways of the Lord, and walk in the footſteps of the flocks of the companions; "Looking unto "Jeſus, the author and finiſher of our faith, "who, for the joy that was ſet before him, "endured the croſs, deſpiſing the ſhame, "and is ſet down at the right hand of the "throne of God." ‡ 1740.

There having been, for many years paſt, a great circulation of vain, idle, and irreligious

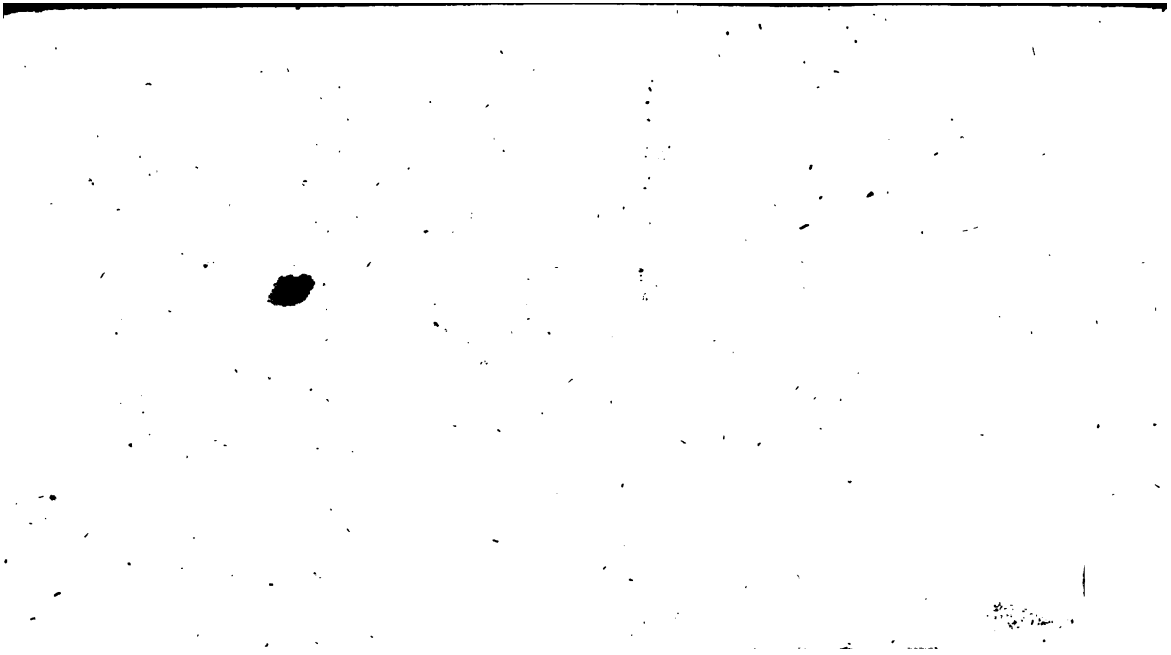
* Acts iv. † 1 Cor. xii. 13. ‡ Heb. xii. 2.

books and pamphlets, tending to lead the mind away from ſober and ſerious duty, to infect the inexperienced and unwary with infidelity and corruption, and to alienate their attention from the Spirit of God, under whoſe influence and holy keeping alone is ſafety; we earneſtly requeſt, that parents, and all others who have youth under their tuition, will keep a conſtant eye over them, and as much as poſſible guard them againſt, and prevent them from, waſting their precious time upon ſuch unprofitable and pernicious reading; that they accuſtom them to the frequent and diligent reading of the ſacred writings, which through divine goodneſs are afforded to us for our "inſtruction in righte-"ouſneſs," * and "that we, through pa-"tience, and comfort of the ſcriptures, might "have hope." † 1769.

And, dear friends, we tenderly and earneſtly adviſe and exhort all parents, and

* 2 Tim. iii. 16. † Rom. xv. 4.

maſters of families, that they exert themſelves in the wiſdom of God, and in the ſtrength of his love, to inſtruct their children and families in the doctrines and precepts of the Chriſtian religion contained in the Holy Scriptures; and that they excite them to the diligent reading of thoſe ſacred writings, which plainly ſet forth the miraculous conception, birth, holy life, wonderful works, bleſſed example, meritorious death, and glorious reſurrection, aſcenſion, and mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt; and to educate their children in the belief of thoſe important truths, as well as in the belief of the inward manifeſtation and operation of the Spirit of God on their own minds, that they may reap the benefit and advantage thereof, for their own peace and everlaſting happineſs, which is infinitely preferable to all other conſiderations. We therefore exhort, in the moſt earneſt manner, that all be very careful in this reſpect; a neglect herein being,

in our judgment, very blame-worthy. And further, where any deficiency of this ſort appears, we recommend to monthly and quarterly meetings, that they ſtir up thoſe whom it may concern to their duty therein. 1732.

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